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SUBJ: IE SHIMA INCIDENT - PRESS STATEMENTS ON JURISDICTION

AND PRACTICE NUCLEAR BOMBING

SUMMARY: THE OKINAWA PRESS AUG 1 GAVE MAIN ATTENTION TO

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STATEMENT BY FOREIGN MINISTER KIMURA THAT JAPANESE JURIS-

DICTION OVER IE SHIMA DEFENDANTS WOULD BE RESOLUTELY PRESSED

AND TO CLAIM BY COMMUNIST DIETMEMBER SENAGA THAT AIR FORCE

CARRYING OUT NUCLEAR BOMBING PRACTICE AT IE SHIMA RANGE.

END SUMMARY

1. THE MAINT STORY IN THE OKINAWA TIMES TODAY WAS A STATEMENT

BY FOREIGN MINISTER KIMURA THAT THE JUSTICE MINISTRY HAS

FULL EVIDENCE THAT THE IE SHIMA INCIDENT TOOK PLACE NOT IN

THE COURSE OF DUTY AND THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WOULD

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ACCORDINGLY PRESS THIS VIEW TO A RESOLUTION. THIS COMMENT

WAS APPARENTLY ELICITED BY THE CALL ON THE MINISTER OF TWO SOCIALIST DIETMEMBERS WHO AFTERWARDS TOLD THE PRESS THUS. TO THE DEMAND THAT THE RANGE BE MOVED, THE MINISTER IS QUOTED AS SUPPOSEDLY SAYING THAT THERE IS NO OTHER SUITABLE PLACE, BUT THAT HE WOULD DISCUSS THIS WITH THE AMERICAN SIDE.

2. BOTH PAPERS CARRIED FULL ACCOUNTS OF A NEWS CONFERENCE GIVEN IN TOKYO BY OKINAWAN COMMUNIST DIETMEMBER SENAGA WHO SAID HE WOULD BE QUESTIONING THE GOJ OVER ALLEGED NUCLEAR BOMBING PRACTICE AT THE IE SHIMA RANGE. HE CLAIMED THE PRACTICE BDU8B BOMB BEING USED THERE IS A SIMULATED B43

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NUCLEAR BOMB; THAT THIS PROVES THE 18TH TACTICAL FIGHTER WING IS FOR NUCLEAR ATTACK; THAT THE REASON THE AIR FORCE PRIZES THE IE SHIMA RANGE SO MUCH IS ITS USEFULNESS FOR PRACTICE NUCLEAR ASSAULTS; AND THAT THIS CAN ONLY INCREASE THE SUSPICION THERE ARE AMERICAN NUCLEAR WEAPONS HIDDEN ON OKINAWA. SENAGA CLAIMED THAT HIS INSPECTION GROUP DURING ITS VISIT TO IE SHIMA SAW THE BDU8B'S DELIVERED BY PARACHUTE BOMBING. HE SAID THAT HIS PARTY VIEWS THIS MATTER PARTICULARLY SEVERELY BECAUSE FORMER PREMIER SATO AND OTHER GOJ LEADERS STATED THAT NUCLEAR PRACTICE BOMBING WOULD NOT BE ALLOWED ON OKINAWA AFTER REVERSION. SENAGA SAID HE WOULD INSIST THE GOVERNMENT ACKNOWLEDGE THE ABOVE AND STOP SUCH PRACTICE.

3. THE PRESS ALSO NOTED BRIEFLY THE PROTEST OF THE ALL-PARTY PREFECTURAL ASSEMBLY GROUP IN TOKYO THE DAY BEFORE TO OUR EMBASSY AND THE PROTEST FROM THE GOVERNOR DELIVERED TO GENERAL MCCLAIN HERE BY LIAISON DEPT CHIEF OSHIMA.

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